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-150, above, was undermined a mile below Provo River Bridge. Two sections of he highway and two sections of Trial Lake Road, circled on map, were washed out.

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Water burst and destroy

Campers stranded as torrents carve new river channels

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KAMAS, Summit County — A 6-foot wall of water burst from a 50-foot wide break in Trial Lake's east side dike and destroyed four sections of road early Saturday, stranding more than a dozen campers and leaving tons of muddy debris in its path.

The dike on the snow-covered lake, 25 miles east of Kamas in the Uinta Mountains, gave way about 2 a.m.

Icy water rushed more than a yard above the upper Provo River's flood level, and the torrent washed out two sections of the Trial Lake road and two sections of U-150, which connects Kamas with Evanston, Wyo.

Pieces of roadtop lay strewn like shattered glass near the washed out road.

The Murdock Basin Bridge was destroyed, and the Provo River Bridge was clogged by debris, forcing floodwaters to carve a new channel around it.

Several other sections of road sustained minor damage.

A few miles downstream, a few parties of campers were stranded by the high water, said Dan Symmes, recreation supervisor for the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. No injuries were reported, however.

One man in the Shady Dell Campground was able to escape unaided shortly after the flood hit. Another couple, whose pickup truck and tent trailer had to be abandoned in the mud, couldn't get out until late in the morning when the floodwaters finally receded.

"They were lucky. If it had been a bigger wall of water, they probably wouldn't have made it," Symmes said.

Further downstream, it took crews until 3 p.m. to

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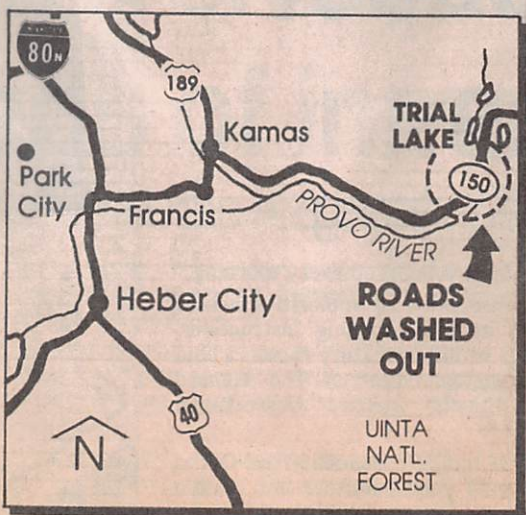
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